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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF STR TO EA COUNTRIES

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, MR. FREDERICK B. DENT, PLANS TO GO TO AUSTRALIA TO TALK ABOUT AGRICULTURAL ISSUES IN THE MTN DURING HIS UPCOMING EA TRIP TO VISIT CERTAIN LDC'S.

2. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT MR. DENT ALSO INCLUDE NEW ZEALAND IN HIS ITINERARY. NEW ZEALAND IS BY AND LARGE A SUPPORTER OF THE US ON MOST AGRICULTURAL ISSUES ARISING IN MTN. ITS RESOLVE TO A MORE ACTIVE STANCE ON THESE ISSUES COULD CLEARLY BE ENHANCED BY AN UPDATING AND REVIEW BY MR. DENT WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND POSSIBLY CUSTOMS AND TREASURY OF HOW THE U.S. SEES THINGS SHAPING UP IN THE MTN, ESPECIALLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD.

3. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR A
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FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PROBLEMS IN THE MTN WHERE

NZ'S AND THE US'S POSITIONS AND INTERESTS DO NOT COINCIDE. THIS WOULD AFFORD AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT MINISTERS CONCERNED AND THEIR ADVISORS TO BRIEF MR. DENT ON THEIR PRESENT THINKING ON TRADE ISSUES AFTER 8 MONTHS IN OFFICE. (SUCH AN OVERALL EXCHANGE ON TRADE ISSUES HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NZ SINCE THE NATIONAL PARTY BECAME GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER 1975).

4. FYI: THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY MR. L.R. ADAMS-SCHNEIDER AND THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE (WHO IS ALSO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER) MR. B.E. TALBOYS WILL BE IN AUSTRALIA FROM SEPTEMBER 19 - 25 FOR MEETINGS WITH THEIR AUSTRALIAN COUNTERPARTS ON THE NEW ZEALAND - AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA). (THESE MEETINGS WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1976, BUT HAVE BEEN DELAYED WHILE BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN PREPARING THEIR BRIEFS. PRIME MINISTER MULDOON HAS MADE IT CLEAR HE WANTS TO SEE SOME CONCRETE RESULTS TO COME OUT OF THIS NAFTA MEETING.)

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF MR. DENT'S SCHEDULE CAN BE CHANGED TO INCLUDE ONE OR TWO DAYS IN WELLINGTON - POSSIBLY AFTER AUSTRALIA, ENROUTE BACK TO THE USA.
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